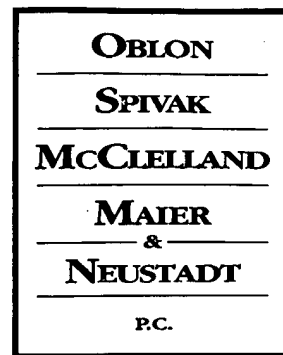


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Applicants: Satoshi MOCHIZUKI, et al.

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IMAGE FORMING METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: DOTE, J. L.

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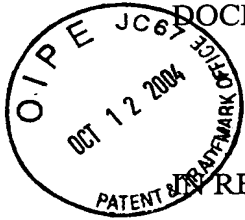
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In response to a request for Information in the Office Action dated September 9, 2004,
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Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

The office action mailed September 9, 2004 indicates that the List of Related Cases filed on December 4, 2003 does not fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(2)(iii). However, Applicants respectfully submit that as evidenced by the enclosed date-stamped filing receipt, legible copies of those portions of the co-pending U.S. application which caused them to be listed in the List of Related Cases were filed on December 4, 2003.

As requested in the outstanding Office Action, additional copies of irrelevant portions of those co-pending U.S. applications as well as a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt are enclosed.

Further, Applicants note that a response addressing the substance of issues in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 will be filed separately.

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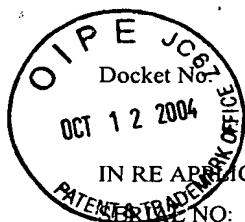
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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references, some of which are cited in the attached European Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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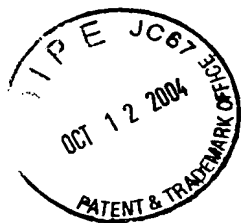
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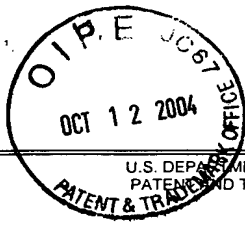
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